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FROM US DEL LOS

FOR HOLTON AND MCINTYRE FROM MOORE

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SUBJECT: SOVIET AND JAPANESE PROTEST OVER PENDING 200 MILE
FISHERIES LEGISLATION

1. IN SEPARATE APPROACHES, HEADS OF SOVIET AND JAPANESE LOS
DELS INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR STEVENSON AND US REP MOORE THEIR GREAT
CONCERN OVER LEGISLATION PENDING IN BOTH HOUSES OF U.S. CONGRESS
WHICH WOULD UNILATERALLY EXTEND U.S. FISHERIES JURISDICTION TO
200 MILES. APPARENTLY SOVIET AND JAPANESE CONCERN HEIGHTENED BY
MEETINGS WITH CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS OF U.S. DELEGATION.

2. SOVIET AMBASSADOR TOLD MOORE THAT THIS LEGISLATION OR
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OTHER SUCH UNILATERAL ACTION COULD WRECK THE CONFERENCE.

HE ALSO OBJECTED TO CONGRESSIONAL THREAT -- APPARENTLY A REFERENCE TO SOME CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENTS INDICATING IMMINENT PASSAGE OF 200 MILE LEGISLATION BY SENATE IF THIS SESSION OF CONFERENCE DID NOT ACHIEVE GOOD RESULT. MOORE INDICATED IT WAS POLICY OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO STRONGLY OPPOSE THE 200 MILE FISHERIES BILL AND WE AGREED THAT PASSAGE WOULD HAVE DANGEROUS EFFECT IN ENCOURAGING UNILATERAL ACTION AND IN UNDERMINING BARGAINING LEVERAGE IN CONFERENCE.

3. IN SEPARATE APPROACHES AMBASSADOR OGISO INDICATED GREAT CONCERN TO AMBASSADOR STEVENSON AND US REP MOORE OVER 200 MILE LEGISLATION AND POINTED OUT SEVERE IMPACT PASSAGE OF SUCH LEGISLATION COULD HAVE IN UNDERCUTTING OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS IN CONFERENCE. HE ALSO INDICATED HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PROTEST FORMALLY TO DELEGATION STATEMENTS OF SENATOR STEVENS AT CARACAS PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING JAPANESE FISHING OF ALASKAN SALMON. WE ASKED THAT USG BE INFORMED OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS. STEVENSON INDICATED JAPANESE GOVERNMENT VIEWS WOULD BE CONVEYED TO USG, AND STRESSED AGAIN DESIRABILITY OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT MEASURES TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON US-ALASKA FISHERIES.

4. U.S. DEL HAS ALSO HEARD RUMOR THAT MEXICANS PLAN TO EXTEND 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE UNILATERALLY IF U.S. 200 MILE FISHERIES LEGISLATION PASSES EVEN THE SENATE.

5. LEADER OF KUWAITI DELEGATION ALSO BROUGHT UP ISSUE WITH US REP REITERATING ARAB CONCERNS OVER ANY US MOVE TOWARD EXCLUSIVE 200 MILE FISHING ZONE, STAGING SUCH COULD CAUSE RECONSIDERATION OF THEIR POSITION ON STRAITS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED. THREAT OF PASSAGE OF UNILATERAL 200 MILE FISHERIES BILL BY US CONTINUES TO BE OF GRAVE CONCERN TO US LOS DEL. PASSAGE OF BILL, S1988, EVEN BY SENATE COULD TRIGGER WAVE OF UNILATERAL ACTION THREATENING SUCCESS OF LOS CONFERENCE AND SEVERELY DAMAGING US OCEANS INTERESTS. DELEGATION SUGGESTS THAT THESE ADDITIONAL APPROACHES TO US DEL AND THREAT OF MEXICAN UNILATERAL ACTION BE CONVEYED TO SENATORS FULBRIGHT, PELL, BUCKLEY, CASE, AND OTHER CONCERNED SENATORS.
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